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Fire At Stevens Home Threatened Property Damage Considerable

Fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Stevens on South Main street gained considerable headway Saturday afternoon, December 18, while the family were away on a shopping errand up town. Motorists discerned smoke rising from the kitchen wing, as they came over the hill and Carroll Miller, returning from work, immediately gave the alarm. The Fire department and a good sized crew immediately responded with both pieces of apparatus and the "booster" responded at once located at the house. The pumper drew water from the brook at Main street and with a dual connection, two streams of water were used in fighting the fire, which had become an inferno in the roof, under the slate shingles. Fire Chief Johnson directed the attack and his men worked hard to conquer the flames, which were largely confined to the center wing extension. A large crowd of spectators arrived at the fire intently watching the progress. Mr. Stevens arrived home during the fire and at once searched for his faithful shepherd dog which had remained at home, only to find that he had been suffocated by the dense smoke.

After three hours of constant fighting, the fire was declared out, but a member of the fire company remained on duty during the night. The Stevens family were cared for during the night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller. There was no damage at the barns or garages and it was fortunate that at the time no wind was blowing, though it was quite cold. Furniture and furnishings in the main portion of the house were damaged by smoke. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

It was the first serious fire this town has had for a long time and was handled in a competent manner, due to prompt service and efficiency of the members of the fire department.

Mary Mason Bardwell Passes In Death

Mrs. Mary Mason Bardwell died at her home on Main street Thursday evening, December 16th, after a brief illness at the age of 78 years. She was born September 27, 1865, the daughter of Thomas and Ellen Holton Mason and had been a lifelong resident of this town.

Mrs. Bardwell was well known in the community and had many friends. She was devoted to the interests of her family and had been active in many civic endeavors. She was a charter member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and an active member of the Unitarian church, and the Women's Alliance.

She is survived by three daughters, Miss Julia Bardwell of Brookline; Mrs. Walter J. Volk of Brookline; Mrs. Walter H. Swan of Waban, and Allen E. Bardwell of Chicago. Funeral services were held the following Sunday at Kilders funeral parlors with Rev. Arthur Heeb, minister of the Unitarian church, officiating and burial was in Center cemetery.

Ration Dates

Meats, Butter, etc. — Brown stamps L, M, N, P, and Q now valid; all expire Jan. 1. R stamps valid Dec. 26; S, Jan. 2; T, Jan. 9; and U, Jan. 16. all expire Jan. 29.

Sugar—Today—Stamp No. 29 (marked sugar) Book 4 now valid for five pounds; expires Jan. 15, 1944.

Canned Goods Today — Green stamps D, E, and F now valid through Jan. 20. Green stamps G, H, and J become valid Jan. 1; expire Feb. 20.

Gasoline—New "A" No. 8 gasoline coupons now valid for three gallons each; expire Feb. 9.

New B-2 and C-2 coupons now good for 5 gallons each. B-1 and C-1 coupons still good for 2 gallons each.

Fuel Oil—Period 1 coupons now good until Jan. 4, 1944. Period 2 coupons now good until Feb. 9. (Class 4, small domestic users, 10 gallons; class 5, large domestic users, 50 gallons.)

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 and Stamp 1 on Airplane sheet of Book 3 now valid for one pair. Both good indefinitely.

Tires—New deadline for tire inspection for B and C book holders Feb. 29.

With Final Figures In Of National War Fund Hermon Doubles Quota

A "splendid job" was done in the county in November in securing the quota for the National War Fund, says Richard T. Lyman of Greenfield, the county chairman. Now with the amounts tabulated from the various towns Mount Hermon is credited with securing \$801.17, which is more than double the quota given and puts Mount Hermon at the head of the list with a percentage of 201. Arthur D. Platt was chairman for Mount Hermon. Second on the list of honor was the town of Hawley with 156 or 156 per cent, and of whose committee Mrs. Belle Bellows was chairman. Third on the list comes Northfield, George McEwan, chairman, with a quota of \$2,000 and reporting \$2,856.05 or 143 per cent. It was a fine accomplishment for this town and our co-operative citizens may take pride in it. Shelburne Falls followed fourth with 131 per cent; then Barnardston with 125 per cent; Ashford with 122 per cent; Conway with 118 per cent; Montague Center with 112 per cent; South Deerfield with 112 per cent. Other towns followed with their reporting and brought the county excess over the quota about five per cent.

Ensign Gladys Rikert Commissioned USNR

According to an official communication from the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School, to the Press, Miss Gladys Rikert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rikert of Main street, who enlisted in the WAVES has concluded her training and on December 14th was commissioned an Ensign and assigned to active duty. She received her orders while upon a visit to her home here and immediately left to report at Washington. Miss Rikert was born in Dutchess County, New York, 23 years ago and came to Northfield with her parents in 1935. She entered Northfield Seminary and graduated in the class of 1938. She then attended Barnard College of Columbia University, graduating last June and received her A.B. degree. For a short period she was employed in New York, but while at home during the summer months was engaged at the Bookstore and also at the Tea tent on the campus. Her many friends extend congratulations on her achievement.



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Bank Had "Holiday"

The Winchester National Bank had an enforced "holiday" on Monday, December 20, but it was not due to any financial shortcomings. Rather singular but true, that the brothers, James S. Kellum, cashier of the bank, and Frank P. Kellum, assistant cashier were both ill, one at home and the other in the hospital and physically unable to attend to their duties and responsibilities. The vault was not opened and business was suspended but the following day routine moved along as usual. The many friends of both in Northfield hope for their speedy recovery.

Rear Admiral Hermonito

Rear Admiral Charles A. Parnell, who led the Naval task forces attacking the Marshall Islands early in December, attended Mount Hermon school in 1908. After leaving Mount Hermon he attended Annapolis where he graduated in 1910 and has kept in touch with the Mount Hermon Alumni office, where his gradual but steady advance to the post of flag officer has been followed with great interest.

"The Work Plan" Fully Emphasized In New School Bulletin

Another folder in the series of "Preserving the American Way Through Christian Education" has just been issued by the Northfield Schools, and is being sent out to friends of the institution through the mails as the December Bulletin. Prepared under the direction of Mr. Pearsall, the director of publicity, the article, no doubt, is the authoritative word of the schools as a definite project of the "work plan" of the schools as a definite project in the aid of character building and an "important contribution to education." We quote "that the 'work plan' becomes a significant part of the educational system, when it teaches" boys and girls the values of human effort and the equalities of physical exertion. In the manual labor of the student, they do not lose the importance of their cultural heritage but instead gain a well balanced attitude toward life. The Northfield Schools since their founding in 1879 has emphasized the work period and has led the way in its adoption by many other secondary schools.

The modern conception of education embraces a far wider field than the three R's or the arts and sciences. It must include the means for self development and character building. The Seminary and Mount Hermon are in the forefront of this endeavor.

Congregational Church

On Sunday services are as follows: Church school at 10 a. m.; Morning worship at 11, Dr. Herbert Gale of the Seminary Bible department will preach; choir rehearsal will follow the service. There will be no service at the Northfield Farms Sunday school. The Christian Endeavor Society will meet at 6:30. Miss Eleanor Peck, leader.

On Wednesday, the Women's Missionary Society will hold their meeting at 3 at the home of Mrs. William Marshall. Mrs. Charles Taber will lead the devotions. Mrs. Frank Montague will present a play.

On Thursday, the Ladies' Sewing Society will meet at the church at 10 for their all day meeting. Lunch will be served at noon. The Weekly Prayer Meeting will be held in the Endeavor room of the church at 7:30. It is hoped that Rev. Mr. Dahl will return and able to lead the meeting. Choir rehearsal follows.

The Unitarian Church

Sunday, 10:45 a. m., Service of worship. Sermon by the minister, Rev. Arthur Heeb; topic, "Religion in a Godless World." Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, choir leader and organist. Church school at 10, Mrs. Carroll Miller, superintendent. A cordial welcome to all.

The Christmas pageant, "Children of the Nations at Bethlehem" given by the church school, was attended by a large audience, and a generous contribution for the Unitarian Service Committee's work with children in Lisbon and Switzerland was received. Forty children and adults of the parish took part. Mrs. Carroll Miller wishes to thank all who helped make this annual pageant an impressive Christmas service.

Word has been received from the American-Japanese Internment camp at Amache Colorado Christian church, thanking the church school members for the gifts for the children's Christmas cheer.

Announce Engagement

The engagement of Miss Gladys M. Greenip, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Greenip of Maywood, N. J., to Ensign John C. Polhemus, USNR, son of Mrs. Josephine W. Polhemus of Miami, Florida, formerly of this town, has been announced. Miss Greenip was graduated from the Northfield Seminary last June and is attending the Mills school in New York. Mr. Polhemus, after graduating from Mount Hermon school went to the University of Texas from which he graduated and is now in the service at the navy yard in Washington. No date has been set for the wedding.

Reports For Duty Abroad

Miss Thelma Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Stevens of South Main street, who has been undergoing training in this country with the American Red Cross as a recreational worker, has been sent abroad to conduct her work and word has been received that she has arrived safely in England.



The New Year:--

PYTHAGORAS, when asked what time was, replied that it was the soul of the world. And so it is. Time—precious, priceless—is the span during which we build up enduring friendships, and add to our family, within the circle, those whom we love for their character and devotion. Friendships have countless values and to all my friends, I extend the season's greeting.

Wm. F. Horshu

Red Cross To Appeal Latter Part February

It is announced from Washington, headquarters of the American Red Cross, that the appeal for \$200,000,000 for the third war campaign will be inaugurated about February 28 and continued into March. The amount of money desired is the largest ever named but is the minimum amount needed to cover the work at home and abroad. It's to be a big job, said Norman Davis, the president. The set up of committees is now under way for the various states and its subdivisions. The Chairman for Franklin county will soon be named and he in turn will nominate the chairman for Northfield who will probably be George W. Carr because of his successful record in previous endeavors.

Is Elected President Of Telephone Company

Joe E. Harrell, vice-president of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company, has been elected by the directors as president of the company to succeed



John J. Robinson who retires on March 1st. Mr. Harrell has been connected with the telephone business for more than 30 years in various capacities and in various states and comes to assume his responsibilities well fitted by experience. He was born in North Carolina and is a graduate of the Riverside Military Academy and University of Georgia.

Advances In Business

Word has been received here that George T. Bailey, Mount Hermon, 1918, has been elected vice president and general manager of the Photogravure and Color company of New York. Bailey is well known locally through his marriage to Miss Helen Caldwell, formerly of Highland avenue. He has been associated with William E. Rudge's Sons, one of the leading printing houses in the United States, and is at the present time president of the American Institute of Graphic Arts.

Held Holiday Dance

With a long list of sponsors, the young people of this town held a Holiday dance in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, December 22. The Rhythm Makers furnished the music and dancing was enjoyed from 8 to 12 o'clock. Quite a number of the men in the services, home on furlough, attended the dance as did many residents of the community. The proceeds were given to the U. S. O. The hall was beautifully decorated and small card tables surrounded the floor area where refreshments were served.

Attend Council Meeting Of American Legion

American Legion Commander Frank W. Pearsall and Past Commanders F. Warren Whitman and Sidney Given attended the meeting of the Franklin-Hampshire Council of the Department of Massachusetts at Northampton Sunday, Dec. 19. The speaker was Department Vice Commander Timothy McLaughlin of Boston who outlined the methods being used by the Legion in its program of rehabilitation for World War II veterans. McLaughlin, who is also department membership chairman, has agreed to attend a public meeting to be held by the local post on April 28 for the dual purpose of presenting the post with a "Most Distinguished Service" citation from National headquarters for exceeding the membership quota by Armistice Day and of speaking to the families and friends of service men about the work of the Legion and its plans for World War II veterans. It is also planned to hold a public initiation of new members at that time.

Swimming Classes Will Be Formed Here

The Red Cross is offering a course in Functional Water Safety, which is a special course furnishing pre-induction training in combat swimming. A great many civilians will undoubtedly be in the armed forces within the next year or two and a course of this type will be very beneficial as the armed services are endeavoring to equip every trainee to take care of himself (or herself) in the water under almost any condition. Functional swimming is the ability not only to keep afloat for several hours even though loaded down with a pack and clothes, but also to be able to swim a mile or more if necessary and still keep one's equipment intact as much as possible, especially the shoes and rifle.

This course is open to anyone who is at least 17 years old or is at least a Junior in high school. Classes will begin after January 3 at the Mount Hermon pool in Northfield. The course will extend for about 20 hours, 2 hours a night. The exact nights will be given at a later date as soon as the classes are organized.

A health certificate will be required before anyone is allowed to enter the pool, indicating that each person is free from any communicable skin disease, including athlete's foot, and has no heart or lung ailment.

Anyone interested in taking this functional swimming course should contact Mrs. Helen Thompson, tel. 832 for further information.

Given Greater Work

Edward M. Powell of this town, who has been serving with the Treasury department in the state organization of the War Finance committee, as a deputy manager, has just been designated as director of the Industrial division and of community activities for western Massachusetts. His office will be in Springfield in the Third National Bank Building.

With the regular meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, Emory Rikert officiated for the last time as lecturer in charge of the program and he will be succeeded by Mrs. Iva Leonard. Mr. Rikert has been efficient and capable in his administration and has handled the publicity in a capable manner.

Skiing In The North Beckons Enthusiasts

It is reported that there is good skiing throughout the favorite resort regions of northern New England and that hotels and inns are remaining open to care for the guests. The snow is several inches deep and quite solid with a powder top. In the Berkshires and about this territory the snow is in patches and not satisfactory for the sport. Many automobiles are passing northward through Northfield and the skis upon them indicate their mission. A good fall of snow now on the frozen land will give us a chance at the sport here and no doubt will result in a considerable patronage at the Northfield Hotel.

West Northfield South Vernon

Mrs. Clara Pratt has returned from a stay at Hartford, Conn., and will be at the Vernon Home this winter.

Courtland Dunklee was the speaker at the Advent Christian Church in Springfield Sunday evening, Dec. 19, when the young people of that church conducted the service.

R. C. Shepherd of Greenfield, representing the Gideon Bible Society, was a recent speaker at the Loyal Workers meeting of the South Vernon church.

Mrs. J. R. Dennis and daughter, Mrs. Bain of Panama Canal Zone, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baker.

Althea Churchill, who is a student at Becker Junior college in Worcester, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winston B. Churchill.

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Blackstone and family spent the Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Albert Pemantel in Exeter, R. I.

Earlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kemp, is at the Franklin county hospital for treatment caused by an infection in her arm.

The annual Christmas party of the Sunday school was held on Thursday evening with Gordon Buffum presiding. There was a large attendance and an interesting program of musical selections.

Mrs. Ellen M. Waldron of Brattleboro, a former resident of West Northfield, died at the Brattleboro hospital last week Tuesday. She was 72 years of age. Funeral services were last Friday and burial was in Putney, Vt.

Honored As Matron

Information received from Jacksonville, Florida, reveals that Mrs. Laurie L. Harris, Jr., was a matron of honor when Mrs. J. A. Halota christened a new navy minesweeper which was launched there last week. Mrs. Halota is the wife of Lieut. Halota, an assistant supervisor of shipbuilding and Mrs. Harris, the wife of Ensign Laurie Harris, whose parents live in South Vernon.

There was a goodly attendance of members and friends of the Unitarian parish at the Christmas "family party" on Wednesday evening of last week. A covered dish supper was served and a Christmas tree and program followed.

A most interesting session of the Rationing Board was held on Thursday evening of last week when after important business had been transacted and interviews concluded, Christmas cheer was introduced and there followed a personal "check-up" of its membership and supporting staff. Chairman Johnson was presented with the badge of his office, but the editor is con-"strained" from divulging further information.

Official Installation Star Officers Elect Will Be Held Soon

The official installation of the local Order of the Eastern Star will be held on Wednesday evening, January 12, in the Masonic hall on Parker avenue, and arrangements are being made to entertain a large attendance of members, guests and the installing staff. At the recent annual meeting of the Star the following officers were chosen:

Miss Priscilla Colton, worthy matron; William White, worthy patron; Mrs. Jennie Warnock, associate matron; Ralph Forsaith, associate patron. Miss Betty Woodruff, conductress; Mrs. Hazel Anderson, associate conductress; Charles C. Stearns, trustee for three years.

Also to be installed will be the appointive officials to be named by the Worthy Matron-elect. The Northfield Chapter has had a most successful year and looks forward to the year to come with complete optimism. It has a large and enthusiastic membership.

Historical Volume Of Mrs. Moody's Life

The passing year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Dwight L. Moody, last July 6th. After she died on October 10, 1903 her daughter Mrs. A. P. Fitt had it in mind to write the story of her influential life. Mrs. Fitt passed on in September, 1942, and her daughter Mrs. Emma Moody Powell then took up the task, and it is now completed. The finished volume is appearing under the title "Heavenly Destiny: The Life Story of Mrs. D. L. Moody." It is a volume of 343 pages, with several illustrations and priced at only two dollars a copy.

In our next issue we plan to give an extended notice of this centenary addition to the recorded history of Northfield.

Mrs. VanValkenburgh Passes In Death

Mrs. Bessie M. VanValkenburgh, wife of Daniel H. VanValkenburgh, died at her home in Barnardston, Sunday, December 26, from an attack of influenza at the age of 67 years. She was born in Shelbyville, Ill., August 8, 1886, the daughter of Frederick and Julia Hamlin. The family moved to Malone, N. Y., and then to Wardsboro, Vt. She was married in Newfane, Vt., December 25, 1911. They came to Mount Hermon, where Mr. Van Valkenburgh was employed and remained there until September, 1936 when they bought a home in Barnardston. She was a member of the Gill Congregational church and of the Ladies' Aid Society and was also a member of the Northfield Chapter of the Eastern Star. In Barnardston she united with the Goodale United Church and joined the Community club. Beside her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Cowan, a son Dana, and four grandchildren. A sister and two brothers also survive. The funeral was held Wednesday at McCarthy's funeral parlors in Greenfield with Rev. A. L. Truesdell officiating and burial was in the Newfane, Vt., cemetery.

Our Men In Service

James Krause of Winchester, N. H., who formerly lived in this town, has just reported at Devens for service in the army air cadets. He was employed at the New England Box shop. His wife will remain at her home during his absence.

Tech. Sgt. Harold Randall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Randall, has left the country with his contingent for an unannounced place.

Etna Stevens, in training as an aviation cadet in Alabama, is with his parents and his wife at the Stevens farm on a ten day furlough.

Pvt. Ray K. Thompson is now located at Keeler Field in Mississippi for further training.

Richard Barrows, who is in the Navy, is expected at his home this week-end for a short stay.

Boys home on leave during the holiday were Sidney Given, Jr., Frank Tie, Calvin Greenwood, Aiden French and Carlton Finch.

The Annual
TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, FEB. 7th

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To all whom we have served,
to all whom we may serve in
the future, we send the season's
greetings.

Luman A. Barber

TOWN TOPICS

Albert A. Westrich, 79, who has been residing in this town for several months past, died on Monday of last week. He was a resident of Shutesbury and he is survived only by a nephew, Fred Walsh of Torrington.

Mr. and Mrs. James Murray of New York, with a summer residence here, spent a few days vacation calling upon friends and looking over their property. They stayed at the Northfield Hotel.

Margaret Durling of Nevada and Ruth German of Indianapolis both members of the WAVES studying at Northampton, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon C. Buffum at their home here.

Miss Janet Kehl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kehl of Parker avenue, who is studying at State College, is spending the Christmas holidays at home. She was recently chosen a member of the Student Christian Association cabinet.

Irving J. Lawrence, who has been quite ill at his home in West Northfield, is gradually improving. Owing to his illness the music at the Christmas exercises at the Congregational church were curtailed.

Mrs. Louise Barnes LaBella is in charge of the loan periodical table at the Congregational church and reports a fine demand for the printed literature.

Constable Harry M. Haskell, who has been confined to his home with a severe attack of the grip is much better.

The Sunday school at the Farms No. 4 schoolhouse, held their Christmas exercises on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, in charge of Bradford Davis. There was a tree, singing, recitations, etc., with the giving of presents and all who attended had a fine time.

Fifty-two bushels of oranges and other fruit arrived on Tuesday, Dec. 21, from the orange groves of Spurgeon Gage in Orlando, Florida. They were a long time on the way and were promptly distributed to those who had ordered them. Some belated shipments have arrived since.

Miss Marion Thompson, who recently purchased the Pattison property on Birnam road, has taken possession and moved in.

Miss Annie L. Weeks of Birnam road, who recently moved to Middletown, Conn., is reported to have sold her house to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lanphear.

Ice cutting has begun here this week and the ice is said to be about twelve inches thick. The river is frozen over and brooks are a mass of ice.

The Press next week will publish an illustrated article upon our efficient fire department and also another article upon the anniversary of the local Rationing Board. The completed Roll of Honor will not be published again until the same is finally completed and dedicated and the names appear on the roster.

Owing to the difficulties encountered in publishing newspapers, the problems of the Press must be considered. After the first of the year, forum letters, sermons, poetry, and communications must be paid for at the advertising rate. Paper stock is limited and much higher in price, ink costs more and labor costs are also

"Why do you suppose this small white berry is called mistletoe?"
"Perhaps because a miss'll toe the mark whenever she sees a bit of it suspended."

The toher day a youngster walked into a bakery to buy a penny scone.

"This scone is much smaller than it used to be," he said to the man behind the counter.

"Well, Sonny, you see there is a war on."

"Huh!" The kiddie looked at his coin again. "My penny still seems to be the same size."

Father: "I'll be glad to help you with your homework, Junior."
Son (skeptically): "Thanks, but I might as well get it wrong by myself."

Panhandler—Can you give me a little help? My wife is sick in bed.

Citizen—I could give you a job next week.

Panhandler—Oh, that would be too late. She'll be well and able to work herself by that time.

First Sailor (on first convoy duty): "Did you ever see so much water in all your life?"

Second Sailor (a veteran): "You haven't seen nothin'. That's only the top."

From sweaters that ravel.
From senators that travel.
From zippers that jam.
From comedians that ham—Deliver us!

Hostess (speaking about the cook): "Yes, she's an old family retainer."

Guest: "But you've only had her a few weeks!"

"Yes, dear, but these days two weeks is a long time to keep a servant."

higher. Later on the subscription price must be increased and the cost per single copy increased.

There is considerable sickness about the town and many persons are confined to their homes. To give a list would be very surprising.

Miss Beverly Briesmaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster, was home over the Christmas week-end. Miss Briesmaster, who is now a registered nurse, is on the operating room staff at St. John's hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Natalie Kairott of Broad Brook, Conn., and Sgt. Harold Briesmaster of Bradley Field, Conn., visited Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster and family at Valley Vista Inn on Christmas evening.

The Selectmen give notice that all persons who have an article to be inserted in the Warrant for consideration at the annual town meeting, February 7th, should give it to any member of the Board, if possible by Tuesday, January 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton J. Miner, formerly of this town, who now reside in Springfield, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Christmas day at the home of their daughter Mrs. Charles Lincoln of this town, whose guests they were for a family gathering.

As previously announced, the community Christmas eve party at the town hall was held with an interesting program but with a small attendance. Mr. Pitt presided and Mrs. Powell and her committee gave all a cordial welcome. Several letters were read from service men. Mrs. Taylor Mrs. Goodspeed, Mrs. Lopes, Betty Phelps and a girls' choir rendered selections.

The Candlelight service held at the Congregational church last Sunday afternoon was of much interest and in keeping with the Christmas season. It was a service of song and the choir soloists were Mrs. George W. Carr, Miss Ruth Field, Mrs. William Shattuck and Mrs. Manuel Lopez. The congregation were given candles which were lighted during the program.

Make it a thrifty CHRISTMAS—give WAR BONDS. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

Frosting? Of Course

By Frances Lee Barton

MANY cakes demand frosting. Of course they are edible without it, but a good rich chocolate frosting adds so much that it seems to be an absolute necessity. Here's a frosting that fits right into war times and right on top of your favorite layer or cup cake.

Quick Chocolate Frosting
2 squares unsweetened chocolate; 1 can (14 or 15 ounces) sweetened condensed milk; 1 tablespoon water; dash of salt; ½ teaspoon vanilla.

Melt chocolate in top of double boiler. Add condensed milk gradually, mixing well; then add water and salt and blend. Cook 5 minutes over rapidly boiling water, stirring constantly. Remove from fire. Add vanilla. Cool. Makes 1½ cups frosting, or enough to cover tops of two 9-inch layers, two 8-inch layers (generously), or top and sides of 8 x 8 x 2-inch cake. Or enough to cover tops of 2 dozen medium cup cakes. (Note: Three squares unsweetened chocolate may be used. Increase water to 2 tablespoons and cook only 3 minutes.)

A "Hot Platter" Treat

By Frances Lee Barton

CAN you spare a tablespoon of butter, three-fourths of a cup of milk and four eggs today? If so, serve the fluffy omelet below. It is healthful, economical and delicious — and may be prepared while father and the children are getting ready for the meal.

Fluffy Omelet
2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca; ¼ teaspoon salt; ¼ teaspoon pepper; ¾ cup milk; 1 tablespoon butter; 4 egg yolks, beaten until thick and lemon-colored; 4 egg whites, stiffly beaten.

Combine tapioca, salt, pepper, and milk in saucepan. Bring to a full boil, stirring constantly. Remove from fire. Add butter. Cool slightly while beating eggs. Add egg yolks and mix well. Fold into egg whites. Turn into hot buttered 10-inch skillet. Cook over low flame 2 minutes. Then bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 15 minutes. Omelet is sufficiently cooked when knife inserted comes out clean. Cut across at right angles to handle of pan. Be careful not to cut all the way through. Fold carefully from handle to opposite side and serve on hot platter. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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By Frances Lee Barton

ANY jelly, any jam, any rich preserve brings you compliments galore, which you well deserve. But a flavor rather rare — not the usual kind — multiplies the compliments voiced by those who've dined.

Ginger Pear Jam
4 cups (2 lbs.) prepared fruit; ½ cup diced crystallized ginger; 6½ cups sugar; 2 cups light corn syrup; 1 bottle fruit pectin.

To prepare fruit, peel, core, and crush completely or grind about 3 pounds fully ripe pears. Dice about ¼ pound crystallized ginger. Measure sugar, corn syrup and prepared fruit, tightly packed, into large kettle. Add ginger, mix well, and bring to a full rolling boil over hottest fire. Stir constantly before and while boiling. Boil hard 1 minute. Remove from fire and stir in bottled fruit pectin. Then stir and skim by turns for just 5 minutes to cool slightly, to prevent floating fruit. Pour quickly. Paraffin hot jam at once. Makes about 11 glasses (6 fluid ounces each).

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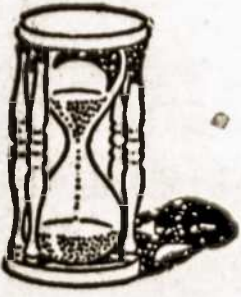
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TOWN TOPICS

The marriage of Miss Mary Frances Janvrin of Hampton Falls, N. H., and Lionel Gabriel LaGuardia of New York took place on Christmas Day. Mr. LaGuardia is Vice Consul at Panama City. Miss Janvrin is a graduate of the Seminary.

The engagement is announced of Miss Carol Ruth Brumond of Tarrytown, N. Y., and Robert Leonard Allen of the U. S. Army. Miss Brumond is a graduate of the Seminary.

Miss Claire Silverthorne of Highland avenue is spending the winter in Florida with relatives. Mr. William S. Voorhies of Mendham, N. J., a summer resident of this town, is again spending the winter at Crescent City, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr spent the Christmas with his mother at her home in Walkill, N. Y.

A. P. Fitt and his daughter, Mrs. E. M. Powell and children are spending some time in New York city this week and will visit with her daughter, Miss Virginia Powell who is a Red Cross worker at Mitchell Field.

Mrs. Richard F. Kinney of Boston spent the Christmas holiday with her mother, Mrs. L. R. Alexander and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Eastman of the Hinsdale road. Pvt. Kinney is now stationed at Fort Custer, Mich.

Mrs. Gilbert Evans Potts of Andover has been a recent guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Potts of Greenwood avenue.

Thomas Clark of Warwick avenue, whose wife died recently, is now visiting at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Raymond Carter in Bernardston.

Mrs. William H. Mitchell of the Hinsdale road is at the Franklin County hospital for treatment.

Lawrence Cooper of Main street has been at the Elliot Memorial hospital in Keene for medical attention.

Kenneth Miller of Indianapolis and Mrs. Gladys Miller Polhemus of Natick have been recent visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Miller.

Norman R. Long, Jr., who is in the Navy, has spent a short furlough at the Long homestead here, having just returned from the Gilbert Islands. Upon his return to San Francisco he will take a destroyer training program.

Many farmers from this section will attend the Union Agriculture meeting to be held at Worcester in Horticultural Hall Jan. 6 and 7. Nearly all farmers organizations will be represented by official delegations.

Miss Janet Cook Nair of Glen Ridge, N. J., now studying at the University of North Carolina, a graduate of the Seminary, has announced her engagement to Ensign Clarence L. Adams, Jr., of Raleigh, N. C. No date has been set for the wedding.

Saturday evening, January 29 will again witness the observance of the President's birthday throughout the country. Franklin county will probably hold a ball and entertainment in Greenfield and Postmaster Quinlan will represent Northfield.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Howe of this town at the Farren Memorial hospital on Sunday, December 19, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howe of Ashuelot road and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Merrifield of Chesterfield N. H.

Carlton Finch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Finch, who is studying at Bates College, is home for the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Warren Whitman entertained during the Christmas holidays their daughter Mrs. Charles Barber and daughter Colleen of Hartford. Mr. Barber is a corporal and in training at the Marine officers school in New River, N. C.

Ross L. Spencer gave his employees a Christmas greeting at the garage last week Thursday at noon at which time presents were given and refreshments served. Among those present was Vernon Gillette who is recovering from the results of an accident. He was given a most cordial greeting.

Mrs. Josephine Davis of West Marquand, the Seminary, is confined to Betsy Moody Infirmary, but gradually improving. Her friends send cheer.

Mrs. William R. Moody numbered among her guests for the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Malbon and daughter, Mrs. Thomas Malbon, Sr., and Mrs. Charles Dickerson, Sr.

Miss Ruth McEwan and Miss Beverly Briesmaster spent the holidays with their parents.

A training plane from the Turners Falls airport was observed flying low over Northfield, headed toward Keene last Monday morning about 9 o'clock and is presumed to be the one making an emergency landing at Winchester shortly after. The plane made a safe landing with no damage or injury to the pilot.

A daughter, Patricia Anne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle W. Amsden of Chicopee Falls at the Providence hospital in Holyoke on Saturday, December 4; granddaughter of Harry L. Amsden of South Vernon.

Mrs. Stella B. Whitmore of this town has resigned after 35 years of service as treasurer of the United Order of the Golden Cross of Greenfield. She has occupied various offices in the lodge.

From London comes news of one Thomas Morrell, veteran yachtman, who has disappeared from his home. His family told police they feared he had run away to sea.

Thomas is 86.

Roland went into a shop a couple of days ago and said: "I want to buy a collar for my father."

"What style?"

"Well—"

"One like mine, sonny?"

"No, I want a clean one."

Moze, an enlisted man, shivered as he paced his sentry beat on an Alaska airfield. A passing officer noticed him. "Moze," said the officer, "where are you from?"

"Ah! from Alabama, Sah," said Moze, "but when we wups de Japs an' Ah gets back der, Ah ain't nevah gwine be from dar no mo'."

The bus was full, and the conductress was about to ring the bell, when the usual last man, puffing and blowing, jumped on board and started to climb to the upper deck.

"Here, you!" said the conductress curtly, "You can't go up there!"

"Why not?" retorted the passenger. "Isn't the top going?"

An elderly Dutch woman was arrested and hauled before a Nazi court for listening to radio broadcasts from London.

"Why did you do it?" asked the judge.

"Well, your honor," she replied "Hitler told us he would be in London in October, 1940, and I have been listening every day since then. I wouldn't want to miss the Fuehrer."

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By Frances Lee Barton

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Delicate Chocolate Sponge Cake
 ½ cup sifted cake flour; ½ teaspoon double-acting baking powder; ¼ teaspoon salt; 4 eggs; ¾ cup sifted sugar; 1 teaspoon vanilla.

2 squares unsweetened chocolate; 2 tablespoons sugar; ¼ teaspoon soda; 3 tablespoons cold water.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Place eggs in deep bowl, add ¼ cup sugar and beat with rotary egg beater until very thick and light. Add flour, all at once, stirring well. Add vanilla. Melt chocolate over boiling water. Remove from heat and add immediately 2 tablespoons sugar, soda, and cold water. Stir until thick and light, then fold quickly into batter until mixture is completely blended. Bake in ungreased 8½ inch tube pan in slow oven (325° F.) 50 minutes, or until done.

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"The young man was outside the park waiting for the girl. Tiring, he leaned against the railings, which had been covered with freshly painted. Farther down the road"

"A girl working in a factory walked over to another girl working and announced, 'It's all right, thank goodness. I saw the doctor and he said those funny lumps on my arms are mules.'"

LANGUAGE

Greek's a harp we love to hear,
Latin is a trumpet clear;
Spanish like an organ swells,
Italian rings its silver bells;
France with many a frolic mien
Tune, its sprightly violin;
Loud the German rolls its drums
When Russia with its clashing
cymbals comes.
But Britain's sons may well rejoice,
For English—'tis the human voice.
An. n.

The young mother took her little boy to the school on his first day. After she introduced him to the teacher and prepared to leave, she added, "Now, sometimes Sammy gets into mischief, so if he does anything you don't want him to, just spank the little boy next to him, and that will alarm him so he won't misbehave again."

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